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OUR NEW "BOSS"

In this issue we present our new Secretary--the Honorable Clinton P. Anderson, who began his official duties on July 2, 1945. The new "boss" of Agriculture is an operating farmer, making 800 acres of irrigated land south of Albuquerque, New Mexico pay. He also successfully operates a farm of 640 acres near Mitchell, South Dakota, his native state, where he was born October 23, 1895.

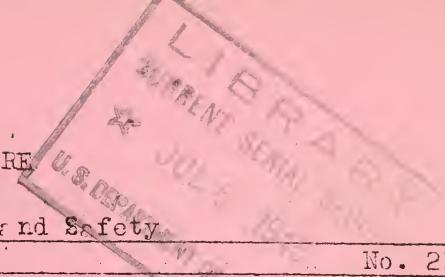
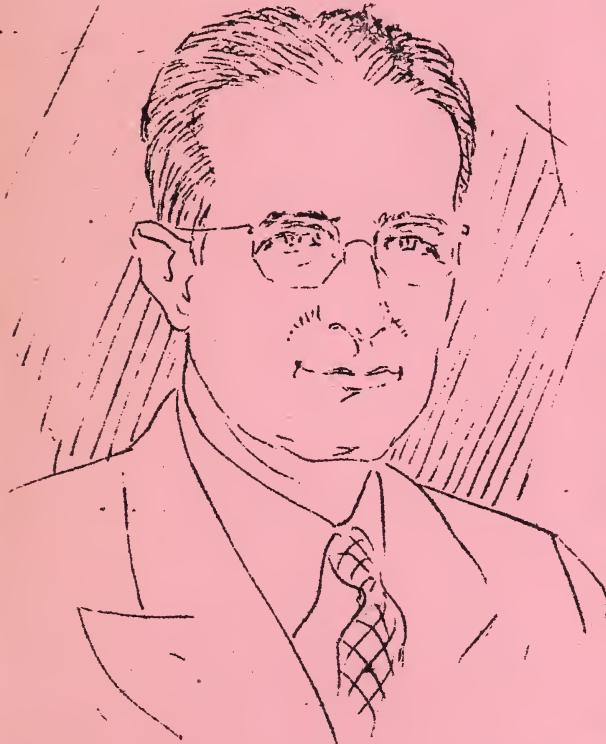
Mr. Anderson was educated at Dakota Wesleyan University and at the University of Michigan. He is president of the Mountain States Mutual Casualty Company, which he organized in July, 1937, and also operates a general insurance agency in Albuquerque. He has been active for years in civic clubs.

During his career in public service Mr. Anderson has served as state treasurer of New Mexico,

1933-34; Administrator of State Relief and field representative of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration; 1935-36; Chairman and Executive Director, Coronado Exposition Commission 1939-40; and was elected in succession to the 77th, 78th, and 79th Congresses. This year he was chairman of the special committee of the House to investigate food shortages.

Mr. Anderson is married and has two children, Sherburne, age 20, a corporal stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo. and Nancy, 15, now attending Mr. Vernon Seminary in Washington.

Mr. Anderson is a man of action and his past accomplishments indicate that his tenure will provide the Department with an active and wise leadership.



AGRICULTURE HONORS JEFFERSON

You have probably noticed some changes in the Department's auditorium, such as, the new picture of Thomas Jefferson inside the auditorium and the dedication plaque in the foyer. Thought you might like to know a bit about how it came about.

On December 3, 1943, Congress approved a joint resolution to authorize the creation of the National Agricultural Jefferson Committee and designate the Secretary of Agriculture as secretary for the Committee. The duties of the committee were to assist in the bringing to the attention of the people of the United States the great services rendered by Jefferson to Agriculture and to encourage and promote appropriate and timely activities to be held during the year.

One of the recommendations that this committee made was that the Department Auditorium be named in honor of Thomas Jefferson. This recommendation was approved and on May 29, 1945 an impressive dedication ceremony was held in the auditorium. So--from now on when you hear of activities being held in the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Auditorium you will know it is none other than our own Department Auditorium.

SIGHT-SEERS

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing is now open to visitors Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 2 p.m.

HOW STRANGE THIS WAR

Some of his mates in the Navy made regular trips to the Blood Donor Center while they were stationed here in Washington, so he went too, then forgot about it for there were more important things to think about..... Things like Tarawa that August in 1944. The sounds of battle echoed all around him as he lay on the hot, bleached sands of the beach and tried desperately to stop the blood gushing from a shrapnel wound in his leg. He was cursing the Fate that had put him out of action so soon, when two corpsmen came dashing over to him. Working quickly and without a word, one of them ripped the donor tag from a bottle of blood plasma, threw the tag to him and set up the bottle for a transfusion, while the other powdered the wound with sulfa.....Eternities later, when his mind was quiet again, he looked at the tag that was still clutched in his hand. The name engraved upon it was his own--Harry F. Starner, USN, Washington, D. C.

(Harry F. Starner has been an employee of Plant and Operations since he received an honorable discharge from the Navy.)

NATIONAL FARM SAFETY WEEK

Final plans for the observance of Farm Safety Week, July 22-28 have been completed by the Department Safety Council. This year's program will be much more extensive than last year's.

7th WAR LOAN DRIVE

The 7th War Loan Drive closes July 7. The Department has never failed to reach its quota. As a matter of fact we have made a splendid record in all Drives.

This one has extended over an unusually long period of time and while we may be a little tired and a little hot let's not forget that almost 17,000 of our fellow employees are in the Armed Forces along with 10,000,000 other guys and gals. They are tired and hot too, but they are doing everything they can to get this war over and get it over fast and get back to you and me and Mom and Pop and that kid sister and kid brother. What we are tryin' to say is if you haven't done all you can in the 7th War Loan Drive see your keyman today and tell him that you are going to buy another bond or that you want to participate in the payroll savings plan to purchase bonds if you aren't already participating or better still don't forget we are all getting a pay raise July 1 - does that give you an idea.

SWIMMING ENTHUSIASTS?

There's nothing like a refreshing dip after a Washington work day or on a hot Sunday afternoon. Information regarding (1) the locations of pools in the District, (2) the hours, (3) the fees, (4) swimming instructions available as well as other facilities can be had by calling your Bureau Contact Officer.

FISHERMEN, TAKE NOTE!

The recent Employee Activities Questionnaire distributed to employees revealed a definite interest on the part of some of our employees to "tackle the rod". We thought that you who are interested will like to try your luck in these waters now that the Coast Guard has lifted the restrictions on most areas. In D.C. a permit is not necessary and you can dangle that fishing line anywhere along the Potomac unless a sign says - "No Fishing". In Va. a permit is necessary and can be had at the Arlington County Court House 1400 Blck. Court House Road, Arlington, Ch. 5500. Telephone and have permit mailed or secure it at Atlas Sport Shop, 927 D St., N.W., Mc. 8878. Fiscal year is July 1st - June 30th, permits \$2 year for residents, \$5 for non-residents, \$1 for 2 day permit. In Md. permit also necessary, can be had by writing to Game and Inland Fishing Comm., 514 Munsey Bldg., Baltimore, Saratoga 3054 or Atlas Sport Shop 927 D St., N.W., Mc. 8878 or Trading Post 3336 M St. N.W., Mi. 9220. Fiscal year is Jan. 1 - Dec. 31st, resident license (after 6 months in Md.) \$1.50, non-resident \$5.50, and 3 day license \$1.75.

A Map of Downtown Washington is now available. This is especially good for newcomers. Call your Bureau Contact Officer or 3105 if you would like a copy.

MILITARY BAND CONCERTS

Starting Tuesday June 19th a band concert will be held every Tuesday thru August 14th at Sylvan Theater on the monument grounds. So mark this on your calendar and bring a pillow or newspaper and sit on the grass.

The schedule is as follows:

Tues.	June 19th	Navy Band
Tues.	June 26th	Army Air Forces
Tues.	July 3rd	Marine Band
Tues.	July 10th	Navy Band
Tues.	July 17th	Army Air Forces
Tues.	July 24th	Marine Band
Tues.	July 31st	Navy Band
Tues.	Aug. 7th	Army Air Forces
Tues.	Aug. 14th	Marine Band

ARCHERY?

The D. C. Recreation Department sponsors archery classes twice a week during the summer months. On Fridays at 6:30 p.m. the group meets outdoors at 16th Street and Colorado Avenue, N. W., and on Wednesdays indoors at 7:30 p.m. at Central High School, 13th and Clifton Streets, N.W.

EMPLOYEE ELECTION RETURNS

The run-off election held on June 27, 1945 to select an employee member and an alternate employee member on the Board of Review on Efficiency Ratings for the Department of Agriculture, for the one-year term ending June 30, 1946, resulted in the election of Richard A. Hollis (Inf.) as the elected employee member and Tyler F. Haygood, EAE, as alternate.

JUST BETWEEN US

The Division of Personnel Relations in the Office of Personnel is really in need of employees' help. You all are well-informed as to the housing shortage in the District and vicinity. Although this office has an information service on housing, due to the acute shortage of apartments and rooms, we would like to solicit your cooperation. If you, by any chance, know of a possible vacancy in any type of housing facility, won't you please give us the information in order that we can pass it on to those employees in the Department who are desperately in need of housing quarters. Call ext. 3105. Any help you may give us will be deeply appreciated.

YOUR DIET THESE HOT DAYS

During this hot spell our bodies need less of the fatty foods, such as fat meats, gravies, hot breads, rich cake and pies. However, our bodies still require the right amounts and right kind of food.

Crisp and cool foods are preferred for this weather since they are easy to prepare and digest. May we suggest the following: Plenty of fluids including milk, fruits, vegetables (raw or cooked), salads with cream or cottage cheese, lean meats (when available), simple egg and fish dishes, and frozen desserts.

Observe the Fourth of July by making an appointment to go to the Blood Donor Center this week.